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Upon the ACCESSION of His preſent MAJESTY

GEORGE the Third, &c.

OR,

The PRAYER of *Great-Britain*,

Upon the Sudden, Unexpected, and Much-lamented DEATH of

The late KING, *GEORGE the Second*,

OF BLESSED MEMORY,

OCTOBER 25, 1760.

I have ſaid, Ye are Gods;—But ye ſhall die like Men.

PSAL. lxxxii. 6.

—— *Æquâ lege Neceſſitas*
Sortitur inſignes et imos;
Omne capax movet urna nomen.

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☞ *AT a Time, when ſo many ſeaſonable, pathetick, and loyal Addreſſes are made to His preſent* Majeſty, *our Moſt* Gracious Sovereign, *the Author cannot but entertain ſome Hopes that the ſubſequent Form of Addreſs to that ſupreme Almighty Being,* by whom Kings reign, *will not be thought improper or unſeaſonable;* ------ *and, he doubts not, but every good Subject, every* true Briton, *will chearfully join with him in this Act of* Religion *and* Loyalty.

——Prayer alſo ſhall be made for Him continually, and daily ſhall He be praiſed.

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On the Accession of

His Preſent Majeſty GEORGE III. &c.

October 25, 1760.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Thou art the Great Governor amongſt the Nations, and thy Kingdom ruleth over all. Thou changeſt the Times and Seaſons, and doſt whatſoever thou pleaſeſt, in the Armies of Heaven, and amongſt the Inhabitants of this Earth. We adore thy Power and Sovereignty, thy Wiſdom and Righteouſneſs, and the immutable and perfect Rectitude of thy Nature. And we would learn, amidſt all the Changes and Events of this tranſitory Life, to repoſe our humble Truſt and Confidence in thy Mercy and Truth, which are from everlaſting to everlaſting.

WE are ſenſible, O Lord, that it is our Duty and Intereſt, in all Caſes, to make known our Requeſts unto thee; and to eye and acknowledge thy Providence which guides and over-rules all human Affairs.---And, as we cannot but be immediately and deeply intereſted in the Welfare and Happineſs of our *Native Country*, we pray, O merciful God, that thou wouldeſt have a particular Regard to the Affairs of the Nation, at this Juncture, a Period that calls for the pious and thoughtful Attention of every true *Briton*. Grant, we beſeech thee, O thou great Governor of the World, that the very awful and ſolemn Providence which hath removed from us a great and venerable *Monarch*, our late moſt gracious *King* and *Sovereign*, may be attended with no unhappy, or unfavourable Conſequences, as to his Family, or his Kingdoms, his Friends, or his Allies.

As He is now gathered to his Fathers, after many great, honourable, and *worthy Deeds, done unto this Nation*, may his Name be bleſſed, and his Memory be dear to Ages and Generations yet to come.---As he is departed this Life, full of Years, and full of Glory, and hath left behind him (praiſed be thy Name) a numerous and hopeful Progeny, may the Crown of *Great Britain* never ſuffer any Diminu-

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tion, but ſhine in the Annals of *Europe* with equal Splendor and Dignity, as long as the Sun and the Moon endure.

To this End, may his rightful Heir and Succeſſor, GEORGE THE THIRD, our preſent King, live before thee, and inherit all the Royal Virtues of his Progenitors. May the God of his Fathers and Anceſtors be with him, to bleſs him in his Perſon, to guide and aſſiſt his Councils, and to guard and protect his Government.

AND we pray, O God, that the Meaſures which ſhall be taken in this *important Criſis*, may be well choſen, and wiſely concerted, and lodged in the Hands of able and skilful Miniſters, of truly-honeſt, upright, and conſcious Men. Let no Artifices, or Efforts of the Adverſary, at this Time, throw us into any Difficulties. Let nothing occur to weaken or perplex the Wheels of Government, or to retard any Attempts that may be further neceſſary to vanquiſh and defeat our preſent Enemies. But grant, O Lord, that, by thy continued Bleſſing upon our Arms and Councils, we may be enabled to procure ſuch Terms as ſhall lay the Foundation of an honourable and advantageous Peace, and ſuch a Peace as ſhall,

by the Divine Favour, long preſerve the Liberties of *Europe*, and the Freedom and Proſperity of theſe *Kingdoms*.--And may our preſent Sovereign, by the Grace of God, be the happy Inſtrument, in thy Hands, of effecting and finiſhing this good Work.

Do thou, O Father of Lights, give Him Wiſdom, as an *Angel of God*, that he may ſee the Signs of the Times, and have a right Knowledge and Diſcernment both of Men and Things. Teach him, O Lord, to ſway the Scepter of theſe Realms with Integrity and Skill, with Juſtice and Lenity, and with ſuch true Majeſty and Greatneſs of Soul, as ſhall render him reſpectable in the Eyes of his People, in the Eyes of his Enemies.

May his *People* learn to pay all due Honour and Reſpect to Him, as the *Lord's Anointed*, and behave as dutiful Subjects, for Conſcience ſake. ---- May his *Enemies* have nothing wherewith to reproach him, and find it their Intereſt, at all Times, to live upon peaceable and good Terms with him.-- And may all that ſhare in his Royal Favour, Lenity, and Protection, chearfully contribute to the Support of his Government, giving unto *Cæſar* the Things that are *Cæſar*'s.

Lord,

LORD, make him the *Miniſter of God for Good* to theſe Nations; a Miniſter of Righteouſneſs and Peace, a Friend to Truth and Liberty, to Piety and Virtue, and to all honeſt and peaceable Men. May his Zeal for the Proteſtant Reform'd Intereſt, in particular, be ſuch as ſhall, upon all Occaſions, chearfully carry him through any Labours, or Attempts, that ſhall be neceſſary to ſtrengthen and enlarge it. May He always cheriſh in his Royal Breaſt the moſt exalted Principles of true Liberty, of Civil and Religious Liberty, and ſtrictly adhere to them in every Act of his Government.---That he may be happy *in Himſelf*, let the Law of God rule in his Heart: And that He, and his People, may be happy *in each other*, may He always rule over them, in the Fear of God, with a juſt Regard to the Rights of Conſcience, and to every Thing that is valuable and dear to them, as a *free People*.------ Thus, may the Nations of the Earth ſee, that Thou, O merciful God, haſt ſet another *wiſe* and *good King* over us; and may we of this Nation, in particular, always ſee and behold it with an encreaſing Pleaſure, Joy, and Satisfaction.

OUR Requeſt now is, with one Heart and Voice,---That the Great Parent and Lord of the Univerſe

Univerſe would bleſs our *auguſt Sovereign* with Health, Riches, and Honour;---That his Days may be many, his Reign proſperous, and his Arms victorious; --- That no *Son of Belial*, none of his ſecret or open Enemies may ever prevail againſt him; --- That he may live to enjoy every ſocial and domeſtick Bleſſing; --- And that, as he grows in Years, Underſtanding, and Experience, he may grow in Favour both with God and Man.

Let Wiſdom and Knowledge be the Stability of his Times; let Peace and Truth be in his Days.--- May his Mind be formed, more and more, to the Love of publick and private Virtue, that he may be unto us, and to all the People of this Land, as a fair Morning, when the Sun ariſeth, and the Light continually encreaſeth.

Our Eyes, Lord, are up unto thee, whoſe Dominion and Empire changeth not. When *Princes* die, and return to their Duſt, Thou art the ſame, --- the ſame Yeſterday, To-day, and for Ever. --- Lord hear us when we call upon thee; do Good in thy good Pleaſure to *Zion*; and let *Iſrael* hope in the Lord, from henceforth, even for ever.

AND, as it behoves us to pray for His *preſent Majeſty*, who is now placed by thy wiſe and unerring Providence at the Head of theſe Kingdoms, ſo likewiſe for her Royal Highneſs the *Princeſs Dowager* of *Wales*, for all the *Princes* and *Princeſſes* of the *Royal Blood*, and every Branch of the *Royal Family*;---that they may fear thee, and keep thy Commandments always;--- that they may be truly illuſtrious, eminently uſeful, and ſhine as Lights in the World, diffuſing Happineſs all around them.

MAY the late awful and affecting Providence lead them to conſider, amidſt all the outward Pomp and Splendor of Life, that every Man at his beſt Eſtate is Vanity;---that the greateſt and beſt of Men are frail and mortal;---that all Earthly Grandeur, in its higheſt Elevation, is a fading periſhing Thing;---and that there are no Honours, no Poſſeſſions, in this World, durable and laſting. Let the Inſtability and Emptineſs of all Things here effectually teach, both them and us, and every Part of Mankind, this *neceſſary* Point of true Wiſdom,---to ſecure an Inheritance that is incorruptible, a Kingdom that cannot be ſhaken, a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.

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AND, finally, O Lord, as we cannot but desire and seek the Good of the Publick Community, we further pray, as in Gratitude and Duty bound, for our Publick *Ministers* and *Officers of State*, that they may steadily pursue the wise Ends of Government, and persevere in every good Work;---for our *Nobility* and *Gentry*; for our *Judges* and *Magistrates*; for the *Pastors* and *Teachers* of the *Christian Church*; for all our *Captains* and *Commanders* both by Land and Sea; and for all, in general, who have any lawful Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority in these Kingdoms; --- that a Spirit of Wisdom, Courage, and Loyalty, may rest upon them, and the Principles of Religion, Justice, and Humanity, may rule in their Hearts.

HEAR us, O Lord our God, in these our Requests, for thy Mercies sake in CHRIST JESUS.-- And, now, *to the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who only hath Immortality, be Honour and Power everlasting.* Amen.

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